GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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LEGISLATION FOR MEDICAL DEVICES
Shantha J.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enact a comprehensive legislation to ensure standards, safety, quality and effectiveness of medical devices in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether any consultation have been held with the States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of outcome of such consultations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (d): On the basis of the recommendations of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as contained in its 30th Report on the Drugs & Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2007 pending in Rajya Sabha (introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st August, 2007), Government has circulated the draft amendments to the said Bill, containing inter-alia, comprehensive legal provisions for regulating the quality of medical devices marketed in the country to the State / Union Territory Governments for their comments. No final view has so far emerged on account of the general opposition to certain other provisions of the said Bill by the State / Union Territory Governments.